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3. Between 3 and 11 January, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied by 1,200 to 1,400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Instruction on 57-mm AT guns, 85-mm AT guns, T-34/85 tanks [] armored personnel carriers and half-track vehicles mounting twin-barreled AA guns was observed in the installation. Firing with rifles, submachine guns and machine guns was practiced at the firing range, while groups up to 60 soldiers including some wearing gas masks and gas protective clothing received field training. 25X1
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- 7 January. Unloading of 25 new two-axle and three-axle trucks.
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- 11 January. At about 0740, a train carrying approximately 50 new trucks, which arrived from the direction of Eberswalde. ¹

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8. In the morning of 5 and 8 January, 4 three-axle armored personnel carriers [REDACTED] practiced driving in the area north of the installation. On 9 January, 8 two-axle armored personnel carriers were seen in the same area. 25X1
9. At about 1600 on 11 January, a mixed column entered the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz. The column, which came from the direction of Ferbitz, consisted of 10 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] 10 two-axle armored personnel carriers, 7 x 85-mm AA guns towed by trucks, 20 trucks occupied by troops, 9 three-axle armored personnel carriers, 8 x 122-mm field howitzers towed by trucks and 4 trucks occupied by officers. All soldiers wore steel helmets and carried light field equipment. [REDACTED] 3 25X1
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